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BRYAN IS VERY OPTIMISTIC; SEES VICTORY NEXT YEAR

In His Speech Before the Jefferson Club, of Chicago, He Predicts a Victory for the Common People, Over the Republicans Whom He Likens to Aristocrats.

Weak Places in President Roosevelt's Administration are Pointed Out and Expresses the Belief That the Democrats Should Profit by the Blunders Made by the Republicans—The Meeting was a Rousing Democratic Rally and Enthusiasm Ran High During the Evening—Bryan's Speech is Considered His Own Nominating Speech.

Chicago, Jan. 9.—William Jennings Bryan told the members of the Jefferson club at the banquet here last night a few of the points in which the Republican party is weak and in which the Democrats, under his leadership, would make marked successes.

It was a rousing Democratic meeting. There were present many men prominent in the party, and those who spoke took the very highest view of the chances of victory in the election next fall. Adlai E. Stevenson said he didn't see how the Democrats could fail if they stuck close to the line of party principle.

Bryan's own speech likened the Republican party to a group of aristocrats, a group which considered always the benefit of the few rather than of the many, and who worked always with a blind eye toward the great common people, the natural democrats.

His own great hope of party success appeared to be based upon the idea that the Democratic party is essentially democratic in principle. If the party sticks to those principles, he said, it is almost certain of success in the elections. Mr. Bryan said in part:

SAYS JAPAN IS NOW PREPARING FOR WAR

Hudson Maxim a Member of the Famous Arms and Explosives Concern Says the Japs are Trying to Work off One of Their Worm Out Cries Upon Uncle Sam

Washington, Jan. 9.—"Japan is rushing preparations for war and may strike us at any moment," said Hudson Maxim, member of the famous arms and explosives concern, "It is a sad mistake to believe the Japanese are broke or that they would be unable to finance a war," continued Maxim. "That is an old gag of the Japanese to rush war preparations while they are crying about their poverty."

BANKS WERE HEAVIEST LOSERS IN THE PANIC

The "Report of Failures" Issued by R. G. Dun and Company Shows a Better Condition Than was Expected—Many of the Banks That Failed Have Resumed Business—Figures Compare Well.

New York, Jan. 9.—The banks and financial institutions were the heaviest sufferers in the financial flurry of 1907, according to the annual "report of failures" issued today by Dun and company. Altogether there were 11,725 failures in the United States for 1907, 385,225 during the year, compared to 10,682 failures for 1906.

SENATE MUST CONFIRM APPOINTMENTS AGAIN

Columbus, O., Jan. 9.—Owing to an error in parliamentary procedure the senate will be forced to act again on the matter of confirming the appointment of John H. Morgan, as state factory inspector, and John Courtright, as trustee of the Wooster agricultural experiment station. This will be done next week, when the legislature reconvenes.

Engineers declare that consumptives employed in caissons used in tunnel construction are benefited remarkably by the compressed air. Eminent physicians are testing the truth of the assertion.

ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE COLVER WRECK

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 9.—Alexander B. Forrester, president of the Forrester Plaster company, of Cleveland, who was injured in the wreck of the Colver special, Tuesday, died here today. His wife is still in the hospital, seriously injured.

M'CONICA IS NEXT

Judge Babst Hears Argument for a New Trial for Williamson.

Findlay, O., Jan. 9.—Judge Babst, this morning, heard arguments for a new trial for Byron Williamson, who was recently convicted of attempting to bribe a juror in the Standard Oil case. Following his decision, former state senator Thomas McConica will be brought before the court to answer to a charge of complicity in the alleged attempt at bribery.

MORTGAGE BONDS

Will be Issued by the Chicago and Great Western Receivers.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 9.—Plans for the issuance of first mortgage bonds to cover an indebtedness of between ten and eleven millions of the Chicago and Great Western railway will be prepared by President Stickney and the Charles H. F. Smith company, receivers named by Federal Judge Sanborn. Attorneys for the railroad declare the receiver is solely for the purpose of preserving the road's affairs in status quo until first mortgage notes can be arranged and financed.

H. L. Shaw of Glen Rock, York County, Pa., has some rope machines over one hundred years old. He got them quite recently from Joel and Eli Cramer. Eli said he used to help his father, John Cramer, to twist bedords and washlines with these quaint old wooden machines.

FORAKER PLANS A RUMP CUYAHOGA DELEGATION

His Forces Plan a Mass Meeting of Republicans to Declare the Present Committee Illegal and Elect a New Committee More Favorable to the Senator.

Foraker's Friends Pull Their Coats and Jump into the Fight With a Determination Which Indicates a Lively Fight Which Will Not End Until Convention Day in the Evening—The Placing of Congressman Burton in Command of the Taft Forces Stirs Up the Foraker Forces and the Real Fight is Begun.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 9.—Cuyahoga county will send an insurgent anti-Taft delegation to the Republican state convention.

As a result of the visit of Senator Dick to Cleveland, there was started yesterday the circulation of petitions calling upon the Republicans of the county to ignore the action of the present executive committee and to join in a mass convention to elect a new committee. The body constituted at this meeting will call a primary for the selection of delegates to a county convention in defiance of the call of the state committee for primaries.

The legality of the present county committee is attacked on the ground that it was elected in 1906 for a year only. Because of the change in the election laws of the state no county convention was held last year.

While the board of elections, which is regarded as anti-Taft, will determine which of the two county committees is legal, the state convention will decide whether it shall recognize the rump delegation.

Plans for battle have been carefully laid by the anti-Taft forces; the warfare will be conducted without regard even for the political Red Cross. "No quarter" is the cry, first uttered by Senator Dick on his visit here Monday and taken up by the senatorial troops with vigor. The announcement that Congressman Burton has been called home to lend the defense has spurred the anti-Trust forces.

The petitions, the circulation of which was begun yesterday are ad-

dress to the wishes of a large majority of the Republican voters of this county, and

"Whereas no convention is to be held at which a legal committee can be chosen, and there being no legal committee of the party in existence at this time authorized to call a delegate convention,

"Now, therefore, we the subscribers, hereto, respectfully request you to act as a committee on our behalf and on behalf of all other Republican voters in Cuyahoga county, who choose to join with us, to call and arrange for a mass convention for the purpose of electing a legal executive committee for the Republican party in this county, according to the established rule above quoted, and for the transaction of such other business as your call therefor may provide.

The attack on the present county committee is in the nature of a reply to the declaration of the Taft leaders that new committees would be appointed in those counties that refuse to abide by the call of the state committee.

"Two can play at that game," say the Foraker-Dick lieutenants.

When it comes to a choice between the present county body and the insurgent committee, it is declared, the board of elections will stand by the Foraker organization. The effort to oust W. R. Hopkins, whom Mayor Johnson would see retained on the board, to replace him with A. N. Rodway, and the maneuvering by which it is hoped to place Herbert Grant on the board in the place of David Christian leave little room for doubt as to the position the board will take, politicians say.

ANOTHER SEQUEL TO THE MONEY PANIC

Prominent New York Broker Jumps Under Wheels of a Subway Train and is Ground to Pieces—Recent Slump Caused Nervous Break Down—Horrible Deed Committed Before Many Spectators.

New York, Jan. 9.—Ill health and nervous breakdown, brought on by worry over heavy losses in the market, are believed to be responsible for the suicide today of William Bourne Nevins, ex-member of the New York stock exchange, who ended his life under the wheels of a subway train. Nevins jumped before the south bound local just as it was pulling into the station and was ground to pieces. His head was cut off and his body was horribly mangled.

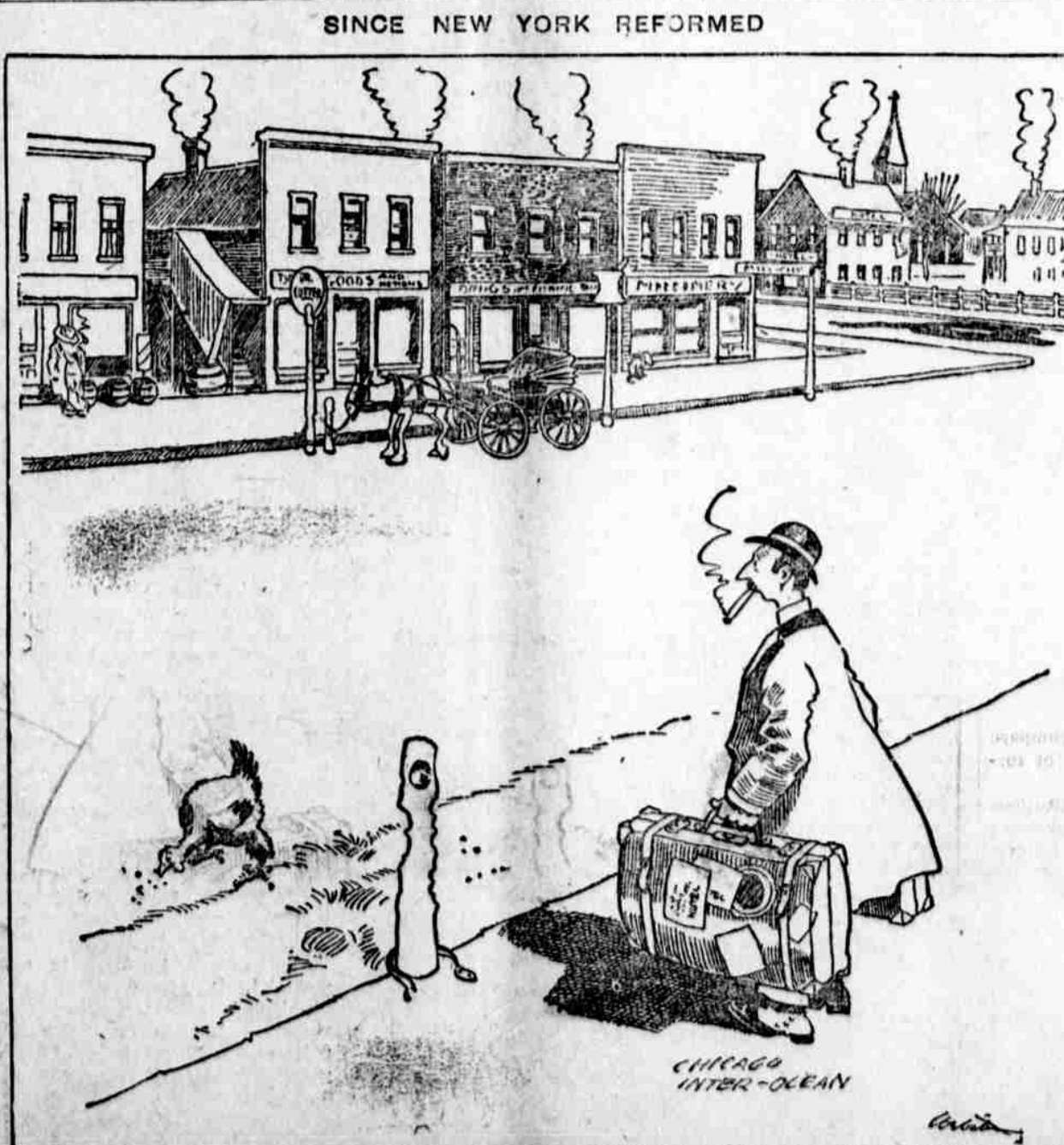
TWELVE MEN ARE NOW IN THE JURY BOX

Six of These are Subject to Peremptory Challenge—Attorneys are Anxious to Get a Jury by Friday Evening and Thus Avoid a Saturday Session—Edna Gooderich May be Cited for Contempt.

New York, Jan. 9.—The close of the morning session of the Thaw trial, today, again found the jury box with twelve occupants for the third time since the opening on Monday. Six of these are subject to peremptory challenge and an early recess was taken by Justice Dowling, in order that both the prosecution and defense might have time to examine the reports of their detectives who have looked up the record of the men drawn as talesmen. Both sides are very anxious to complete the jury by tomorrow night, in order that a Saturday session may be avoided. They want the intervening time between Saturday and Monday to prepare their case.

Attorney O'Reilly stated at noon that he had not yet made up his mind whether he will cite Edna Gooderich before Justice Dowling for contempt in tearing up her subpoena as she emerged from a theatre last night. Miss Gooderich has denied that she ever introduced White to Evelyn Nesbit and the defense believes she would prove a good witness from their standpoint and intend to force her to testify.

Axes Wielded. After lunch the prosecution challenged jurors Nos. 7, 10 and 11 and the defense Nos. 8, 9 and 12. This leaves only original six sworn jurors in box. Chicago, Jan. 9.—One man was killed and six were injured when an inbound and outbound Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul train met on the Pennsylvania tracks at Kenzie and Leavitt streets, today. The injured were taken to hospitals in patrol wagons.



New York Traveling Man (Who Has Arrived in Cedar Siding on Sunday)—By Jove! How Homelike! This Makes Me Think I'm Back on Broadway!